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Thanks, Joe!!

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Joe Alexander who spent the session as the intern for the Majority Office.

Thursday was his last day with us as he finishes up his junior year at St. Anselm College.

Joe was a huge help to us this year, and we wish him all the best. And who knows... maybe we'll see him back here before we know it as a legislator!



The next House session will be Wednesday, May 11th at 10am.

Real ID heads to Governor's desk

HB1616 is heading to Governor Hassan's desk to be signed after the Senate recently gave it the ok. The bill remains strictly opt-in for New Hampshire citizens, and allows you to keep your regular license, if you so desire.

By opting in for an enhanced ID, NH citizens will be able to enter federal government buildings, and board aircraft for domestic flights without a passport. There is also a five year phase in period, so don't worry, if you just renewed your license, you don't have to rush out and get a new one. By passing this law, and NH becoming compliant, your current license still works.



Students visiting the State House on Thursday got a surprise visit from the Speaker while listening to the history of the Hall of Flags.

2016 HOUSE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

The Chairmen of the policy committees will receive bills amended by the Senate and should check with their committees to determine whether to recommend that the House concur, nonconcur, or nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

When a committee requests that the bill be sent to a Committee of Conference, the Chairman will recommend members for appointment. If the bill has gone to more than one committee, the members may come from the different committees as determined by the Speaker. Chairmen should recommend only those members from their policy committees. The Speaker shall make the final decision of Conference committee members, and the committee choices are generally limited to those who support the House position.

The first named House member shall serve as Chairman of the House Conferees. For House bills in Committee of Conference, the House Conferee Chairman shall set the time and place of the first meeting with the Clerk's Office and shall chair each meeting of the Committee of Conference. Each meeting shall be posted in the Clerk's Office and outside the committee room at least 24 hours in advance. [House Rule 43 (c).] If a Committee of Conference meeting recesses, the reconvening time shall be posted in the Clerk's office and outside the committee room.

The House and Senate Conferees on a bill shall meet jointly but vote separately while in conference. The Committee of Conference may not change the title of the bill. The Committee also may not add amendments that are not germane to the subject matter of the bill or contain subject matter that has been indefinitely postponed. A non-germane amendment is one in which the subject matter is not contained in either the House or Senate version of the bill. [House Rule 49 (g).] *continued on page 2*

Session Recap

SB210, relative to the regulation of septic system evaluators. *OTP/A 178-162*

SB480, relative to the state house visitor's center revolving fund. *OTP/A voice vote*

SB368, making capital appropriations for department of environmental services monitoring equipment. *OTP 235-169*

SB509, relative to voter registration forms and relative to voter identity verification. *OTP/A 194-133*

SB334, establishing a commission to study the planning functions of the office of energy and planning. *OTP failed 150-167, ITL 189-130*

SB515, relative to child neglect and other changes to the child protection act. *OTP/A 203-129*

SB500, relative to student health insurance plans. *OTP 256-84*

SB492, relative to expenditures from the energy efficiency fund. *Tabled 189-155*



Spring has sprung at the State House!

The flowers are blooming, the grass is green and the scaffolding is covering the dome to complete the regilding.

Committee of Conference Procedures

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The sponsor of a bill that is in Committee of Conference shall, upon request, be provided an opportunity to be heard. A unanimous vote of both the House and Senate Conferees, voting separately, is necessary for an agreed upon report to be sent to the House and Senate. Reports of all Committees of Conference must be filed with the Office of Legislative Services by the May 26, 2016 deadline adopted by the House. All Committee of Conference members must sign their reports in the Office of Legislative Services by May 26, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.

The first-named House member on all bills in Committee of Conference must prepare an analysis of the report. This "blurb" should contain a complete explanation of all changes made to the bill since it was passed by the House and must be submitted to the House Clerk for printing in the calendar. Representative Dick Hinch will be the liaison between the Speaker's Office, Clerk's Office and the Committee of Conference Chairs. All Committee of Conference reports shall be distributed in seat pockets to be acted on some subsequent day. [House Rule 49 (f).] *See House Rule 49 for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!

May 11th
Rep. Burt's Hot Dog Day
&
Speaker's Ice Cream Social

These will take place on the State House Plaza during the session lunch break

House Continuing Education: A Primary Physician's Perspective on the Opioid Crisis.

From the calendar notice from Rep. Lynne Ober and Rep. Dick Hinch, there will be a House continuing education on **Monday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m.** in Reps Hall.

The topic is "A Primary Physician's Perspective on the Opioid Crisis." Dr. Zavod is an internal medicine physician who is well known and respected. Dr. Zavod not only serves as an expert witness for Massachusetts and Rhode Island in malpractice cases, but has worked with the NH Board of Medicine in an advisory role regarding opioid prescriptions.

The presentation will be an hour long and Dr. Zavod will take questions from the audience. All representatives are encouraged to attend and invite their town selectmen or school boards, since this information is applicable to the towns as well. Please plan to attend.